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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - CASEY VISIT TO PHILIPPINES

1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED BY EMBASSY IN RESPONSE TO RELEASE OF NEWSWEEK STORY ABOUT CONTENT OF MEETING BETWEEN CIA DIRECTOR CASEY AND PRESIDENT MARCOS.

Q. (ONLY IF ASKED). WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE NEWSWEEK STORY THAT CIA DIRECTOR CASEY PROPOSED OR SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT MARCOS THAT EARLY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BE HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A. THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF ELECTIONS IS A MATTER FOR DECISION BY THE PHILIPPINES. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE MADE NO PROPOSALS OR SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE TIMING OF ELECTIONS.

Q. (ONLY IF ASKED). BUT WHAT ABOUT CIA DIRECTOR CASEY? DID HE OR DID HE NOT SUGGEST EARLY ELECTIONS TO PRESIDENT MARCOS?

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A - MR. CASEY IS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I REFER YOU TO MY PREVIOUS ANSWER.

Q. (ONLY IF ASKED). WHAT DID MR. CASEY TALK ABOUT WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS?

A. WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN HEADS OF

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